

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated October 18, 2006, within the shortened three month statutory period for reply. Claims 6 and 9-15 were pending in the application and the Examiner rejects claims 6 and 9-15. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejects claims 6 and 9-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liaguno et al., U.S. Patent No 5,729,741 ("Liaguno") in view of Ky, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0130843 ("Ky"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Liaguno generally discloses a system for storing various forms of media along with transcriptions. The transcriptions enable a user to search for phrases or keywords within the transcript in order to locate pertinent audio, video or document scans. Liaguno is limited to the use of optical character recognition (OCR) to create a textual version of a scanned document. Liaguno is also limited to utilizing voice recognition (VR) technology to create textual transcripts of audio and video content. The transcribed documents, audio portion and video portion are stored with their respective digitized format within a computer memory structure.

The Examiner correctly notes that "Liaguno does not expressly disclose converting 'each binary set of said binary content' directly into 'each corresponding ASCII value' to form text content as claimed" (page 3, paragraph 2). The Examiner asserts that "Ky discloses a system and method similar to that of Liaguno, wherein binary content is converted to text content" as claimed (page 3, paragraph 3).

Ky generally discloses a system for converting digital data representing speech to text. Specifically, the Ky system accepts digitized speech input in the form of binary data, searches a library for a matching digital representation of the input, determines the number of syllables in the digital representation, and converts the matching binary representation to an ASCII representation. A transcription management system facilitates saving the ASCII representation within a database as a transcription report. The transcription management system further facilitates distribution of the transcription report to a user via download, email, facsimile, etc.

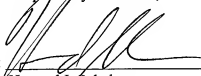
Both Liaguno and Ky disclose systems for converting digital data to textual transcripts. The Liaguno and Ky system further include a mechanism for saving such transcripts to memory;

however, only Ky discloses storing both binary data and text data in appropriately configured database fields within the same record. However, the Ky system does not save a true representation of a video file in that it would only be possible to translate spoken text into a text file format. In other words, it would not be possible to create a textual representation of a video containing no audio, audio with excessive noise, audio of multiple and simultaneous speakers, and the like. Therefore, while a video file comprises binary data, it would not be possible to convert each binary set of the binary video file to a textual representation of the video file. As such, neither Liaguno, Ky, nor any combination thereof, disclose or suggest at least, "storing said binary content within a binary large object field of said record, wherein said binary content does not contain searchable text and, wherein said binary content was created from text saved to a file of at least one of: a word processing program, a spreadsheet program, a presentation program, and a document layout program," and "converting each binary set of said binary content directly into each corresponding ASCII value to form text content," as recited by independent claim 6.

Dependent claims 9-15 variously depend from independent claim 6, therefore dependent claims 9-15 are differentiated from the cited reference for at least the same reasons as set forth above, as well as in view of their own respective features.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **19-2814**. Applicants invite the Office to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions regarding this Reply or the present application in general.

Respectfully submitted,


By: _____
Howard I. Sobelman
Reg. No. 39,038

Dated: January 18, 2007

SNELL & WILMER L.L.P.
400 E. Van Buren
One Arizona Center
Phoenix, Arizona 85004
Phone: 602-382-6228
Fax: 602-382-6070
Email: hsobelman@swlaw.com